

FLAT TYPE CORE BRUSHLESS MOTOR

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to an improvement of a flat ~~type~~ core brushless motor suitable for driving a spindle or a pickup used for a portable mini disk apparatus.

2. Description of the Related Art

A conventional flat ~~type~~ core brushless spindle motor used for a portable mini disk apparatus is shown in FIG. 5. That is, a brass bearing holder H is installed at a stator base B. A stator core C is formed by winding an armature coil N around a plurality of protruding poles, and is installed at the outer circumferential surface of the bearing holder H. A bearing J is installed inside the bearing holder H. A rotor R having a magnet M which is installed in a magnet holder Y facing the stator core C with a gap, is supported through a shaft S rotatably inserted in the bearing J. In the drawing, T denotes a turntable on which media is installed, which is integrally formed with the rotor R.

However, the flat ~~type~~ spindle motor having the above structure is restricted in being made ^{thinner} ~~thin~~ by an expanded portion of the armature coil N ~~formed by being~~ wound around the protruding poles. Thus, the expanded portion of the armature coil is usually compressed and impregnated. Nevertheless, there is a problem of occasional disconnection or shorting of lines.

Also, when the expanded portion of the armature coil is not compressed and impregnated, the number of accumulated thickness units of a core must be reduced and thus the property of the motor is sacrificed. To solve this problem, a part of the core ^{has} ~~is formed to have~~ an L shape. That is, a blade portion of the core is folded in an axial direction. However, this increases the manufacturing cost.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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To solve the above problems, it is an objective of the present invention to provide a flat type core brushless motor which can be made thin without compressing and reducing the expanded portion of an armature coil, to help reduce the effect of the stator base on the overall thickness of the motor, and without
5 reducing the number of accumulated thickness units of a core, so that the properties of a motor are not sacrificed.

Accordingly, to achieve the above objective, there is provided a flat type core brushless motor formed by installing a stator which is made by winding an armature coil around each of a plurality of protruding poles at a stator base, in which a
10 concave portion for escape of the armature coil is installed at the stator base.

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It is preferred in the present invention that the circuit board is formed of a thin flexible sheet to cover the edge of the hole formed in the stator base.

It is preferred in the present invention that a plurality of supports, which are lifted from the stator base by pressing processing, are used as a means for installing the stator and simultaneously a hole formed by the press processing for lifting the supports is used as part of the concave portion for escape of the armature coil.

25 It is preferred in the present invention that a rotation support portion is arranged inside the supports.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above objective and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent by describing in detail a preferred embodiment thereof with reference
30 to the attached drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a sectional view showing a flat-type core brushless motor according to a first preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view showing the assembly of major parts of the flat-type core brushless motor according to the first preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 3 is a sectional view showing a flat-type core brushless motor according to a second preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 4 is a sectional view showing a flat-type core brushless motor according to a third preferred embodiment of the present invention; and

FIG. 5 is a sectional view showing the general structure of a conventional flat-type core brushless motor.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring to FIG. 1, reference numeral 1 denotes a stator base ~~formed~~ of a thin rolled steel plate. A circuit board 2 ~~formed~~ of a polyamide or polyester film is attached to the stator base 1 by a double-sided adhesive film interposed therebetween. A shaft holder 1a is formed by a clamping ^{process} ~~processing~~ at the center of the stator base 1. Supports 1b for maintaining a stator core 3 which will be described later are formed around the shaft holder 1a by being lifted, for each of protruding poles 3a of the stator core 3. Prior to the lifting of the support 1b, as shown in FIG. 2, a slightly ^{enlarged} ~~large~~ hole, that is, a concave portion 1c for accommodating an expanded portion of an armature coil 3b, is provided. In this case, the circuit board 2 is cut to make a concave portion 2a having a diameter less than that of the concave portion 1c for insulation so that the expanded portion of the armature coil 3b can easily ^{extend} ~~escape~~ therethrough.

Reference numeral 3 denotes stator cores ^{of} ~~formed~~ by winding the armature coil 3b around each of the stator cores 3 ^{stacked} ~~and stacking~~ five silicon steel plates. A recess 3c supported by an end portion 1d of the support 1b is ^{located} ~~installed~~ inside the stator core 3. Also, although the stator core 3 is described ^{as having} ~~to have~~ five stacked silicon steel plates in the preferred embodiments shown in FIGS. 1 through 4, the number of silicon steel plates of the present invention is not limited thereto.

a The stator core 3 is installed at the stator base 1 by fitting the support 1b ^{into} ~~to~~ the recess 3c. The stator core 3 is fixed by crushing a top portion 1bb of the support 1b or inserting a wedge between the end portion of the support 1b and the stator core 3. Of course, the stator core 3 can be fixed by using an adhesive. A terminal
5 of each armature coil 3b is connected to a predetermined pattern of the circuit board 2 by soldering, thus completing a stator.

a Thus, the expanded portion of each of the armature coils 3b, of which a part
a is accommodated in the concave portions 2a and 1c, can ^{have} ~~take~~ a low ^{profile} ~~posture~~. Also,
a in the present embodiment, the shaft 4 is fixed by being directly pressed ^{into} ~~and~~
10 installed ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ the shaft holder 1a.

a A rotor includes a bearing 5 rotatably installed at the shaft 4, a rotor case 6
a installed at the bearing 5, and a ring ~~type~~ rubber magnet 7 which is pressed and
a fixedly installed inside the rotor case 6 by bending a plate to face the protruding
15 poles 3a, of the stator core 3 with the gap in a radial direction. Further, the rotor
case 6 is integrally formed with a turntable 8 on which a medium is installed.

a A second preferred embodiment is shown in FIG. 3, which is suitable for a
a circuit board 22 that is relatively thick. That is, a concave portion 22a into which an
a expanded portion of an armature coil 3b can protrude is ^{located} ~~formed~~ only in the circuit
20 board 22.

a In this case, the rotor R ^{has rotating} ~~is of a shaft rotation type~~ and a brass bearing holder
20 9 is installed at a stator base 11 by caulking. The rotor R includes a shaft 4 inserted
in a bearing 55 installed inside a bearing holder 9, a rotor case 66 which is pressed
and fixedly installed at the shaft 4, and a neodymium magnet 77 arranged inside the
rotor case 66.

25 FIG. 4 shows a third preferred embodiment of the present invention. In the
a present embodiment, a ^{rotating} ~~shaft rotation type~~ rotor is rotatably installed through a shaft
a 4 at a bearing 55 arranged inside a support 1b. The bearing 55 may be directly
pressed ^{into} ~~and~~ inserted in the support 1b or installed inside a stator core 3. Here, as
30 the rest of the structure is the same as that of the first preferred embodiment, the
same reference numerals are used for the same elements and descriptions thereof
are omitted.

It is noted that the present invention is not limited to the preferred
embodiments described above, and it is apparent that variations and modifications by
those skilled in the art can be effected within the spirit and scope of the present
invention defined in the appended claims.

As described above, in a flat-type brushless motor according to the present
invention formed by installing a stator made by winding an armature coil around
each of a plurality of protruding poles at a stator base, because an expanded
portion of the armature coil is received in a concave portion of the stator base,
a concave portion for escape of the armature coil is installed at the stator base, there
is no need to restrict the armature coil and a flat-type brushless motor without
problems such as disconnection or shorting of lines can be provided.

Also, the motor is suitable for a case in which the circuit board is relatively
thick, while it can provide a flat-type core brushless motor when an expanded
portion of the armature coil is considerably large.

Furthermore, the brass bearing holder is not needed and the structure thereof
is simplified by using a fixed shaft type motor. Thus, a flat-type core brushless
motor with reduced manufacturing cost can be provided.